

January 2009
CENTRAL COMMAND

SAFESTAT REPORT



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Overview

There were 103 crashes in January 2009. This is a 12.7% decrease from December's 118 crashes. The command experienced a decrease in crashes even though winter driving conditions remained hazardous during much of January. There were three fatal crashes during January resulting in a total of four people deceased. There were four crashes involving impaired drivers, which is two more than during December 2008. Of the 103 crashes, 15, or 9.3% involved commercial motor vehicles. Commercial drivers were found to be at fault in eleven, or 73.33%, of those crashes. Nine of the commercial vehicle crashes occurred on Interstate 80.

Total enforcement activity increased by 10.9% compared to December 2008 and 31% from January 2008. Speed violations increased 141 citations, or 13.7% from December. Hazardous moving violations decreased by 27 citations, or 16.4% from the prior month. Occupant restraint violations increased 89 citations, or 50.6% compared to December. There were 35 arrests of impaired drivers prior to a crash during January. This is an increase of 7, or 25% compared to December and it is an increase 10, or 40% over January 2008.

Commercial vehicle inspections decreased by 27.9%, or 204 inspections from December. This decline is due to Central Command Commercial troopers participating in the New Year's Eve 72 hour commercial check site in Las Vegas during December. As such, enforcement activity decreased 28.6% from the prior month. There were 262 less safety violations written in January than in December. There was a 46.8% decrease in cited safety violations from December. There were 27 vehicles and 21 drivers placed, "out of service" in January. Both these areas increased as much as 31.3% from the prior year's percentages, but these areas decreased compared to December. Traffic personnel conducted 287 inspections during January. This is the same compared to the prior year, but a decrease of 10% or 32 inspections compared to December.

Front office personnel showed an increase of 17.3% from December in accident reports processed. There was an increase of 18.4% in the arrest reports processed as compared to the prior year. Arrest reports and incident reports processed decreased as much as 37.9% during January compared to December and the prior year. The Communications Center experienced a slight increase compared to December's and the prior year's radio transmissions. CAD incidents and telephone calls decreased compared to the prior month and year.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

| | January-09 | | January-08 | % Change | | December-08 | % Change |
|--|------------|--|------------|----------|--|-------------|----------|
| Total Crashes | 103 | | 75 | 37.3% | | 118 | -12.7% |
| Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles] | 76 | | 61 | 24.6% | | 88 | -13.6% |
| Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles] | 24 | | 13 | 84.6% | | 27 | -11.1% |
| Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles] | 3 | | 1 | 200.0% | | 3 | 0.0% |
| DUI Crashes [DUI charged] | 4 | | 4 | 0.0% | | 2 | 100.0% |
| Total persons killed in fatal crashes | 4 | | 1 | 300.0% | | 3 | 33.3% |
| Total drivers killed without seatbelts | 3 | | 0 | 300.0% | | 0 | 300.0% |
| Total passengers killed without seatbelts | 1 | | 0 | 100.0% | | 0 | 100.0% |
| Total drivers killed with seatbelts | 0 | | 0 | 0.0% | | 2 | -200.0% |
| Total passengers killed with seatbelts | 0 | | 1 | -100.0% | | 0 | 0.0% |
| Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable | 0 | | 0 | 0.0% | | 1 | -100.0% |
| Total number of commercial vehicle crashes | 15 | | 15 | 0.0% | | 11 | 36.4% |
| Property crashes involving commercial vehicle | 11 | | 12 | -8.3% | | 8 | 37.5% |
| Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle | 3 | | 3 | 0.0% | | 3 | 0.0% |
| Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle | 1 | | 0 | 100.0% | | 0 | 100.0% |

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 2.9%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 3.9%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 100.0%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 9.3%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- Crashes were down by 15 from December for a 12.7% decrease. There were 28 more crashes than the previous year for a 37.3% increase.
- There were four DUI crashes for January which reflects a 100% change from the previous month's two crashes. This is the same as the previous year's four crashes. The BAC. results for three of the DUI driver's is pending. The remaining driver's BAC. was .145.
- There were 3 fatal crashes in December, which is the same as the previous month, but is an increase of two or 200% over the previous year's single fatal crash.

There were 15 accidents involving commercial vehicles during January. This is an increase of four crashes or 36.4% from December, but it is the same as the previous year's total. The 15 accidents accounted for 9.3% of the total crashes in the Command. Of the 15 crashes, 11, or 73.3% were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver. There were 2 crashes involving a commercial vehicle in which a passenger vehicle driver was found to be at fault. Nine of the commercial vehicle crashes occurred on Interstate 80. The remaining six occurred on secondary roadways.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

| | January-09 | | January-08 | % Change | | December-08 | % Change |
|--|------------|--|------------|----------|--|-------------|----------|
| DUI arrests from crashes | 4 | | 4 | 0.0% | | 2 | 100.0% |
| DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes | 35 | | 25 | 40.0% | | 28 | 25.0% |
| Other Arrests | 140 | | 124 | 12.9% | | 125 | 12.0% |
| Total persons arrested (DUI included) | 81 | | 61 | 32.8% | | 66 | 22.7% |
| Speed violations | 1173 | | 943 | 24.4% | | 1032 | 13.7% |
| Hazardous moving violations | 138 | | 141 | -2.1% | | 165 | -16.4% |
| Occupant restraint violations * | 265 | | 229 | 15.7% | | 176 | 50.6% |
| Total violations [above violations included] | 2683 | | 2048 | 31.0% | | 2419 | 10.9% |
| Commercial Enforcement | | | | | | | |
| Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests | 42 | | 15 | 180.0% | | 12 | 250.0% |
| Other traffic violations - citations/arrests | 32 | | 19 | 68.4% | | 61 | -47.5% |
| Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6] | 527 | | 469 | 12.4% | | 731 | -27.9% |
| Terminal inspections [level 5] | 0 | | 0 | 0.0% | | 1 | -100.0% |
| Total safety violations -- citation | 83 | | 86 | -3.5% | | 156 | -46.8% |
| Total safety violations -- repair order | 654 | | 682 | -4.1% | | 916 | -28.6% |
| Total vehicles placed "Out of Service" | 27 | | 23 | 17.4% | | 40 | -32.5% |
| Total drivers placed "Out of Service" | 21 | | 16 | 31.3% | | 29 | -27.6% |
| Total school buses inspected | 0 | | 0 | 0.0% | | 2 | -200.0% |
| Total school buses placed "Out of Service" | 0 | | 0 | 0.0% | | 0 | 0.0% |
| Total trucks weighed | 203 | | 57 | 256.1% | | 1066 | -81.0% |
| Total overweight citations | 3 | | 8 | -62.5% | | 8 | -62.5% |
| Total dyed fuel inspections | 504 | | 464 | 8.6% | | 583 | -13.6% |
| Total dyed fuel citations | 0 | | 0 | 0.0% | | 0 | 0.0% |

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

- Total violations increased 264 violations or 10.9% from December and 635 violations or 31% compared to January 2008.
- Speed enforcement was up from December by 141 violations for a 13.7% increase. Hazardous moving violations decreased by 27, or 16.4% compared to December. Occupant restraint violations dramatically increased from December by 89 or 50.6%.
- There were 35 DUI arrests prior to crashes for a 25% increase over December. This was a 40% increase over the same month last year. The average reported BAC for impaired drivers for January was .154%.

- Commercial vehicle inspections decreased by 204 safety inspections or 27.9% compared to December's exceptional totals. Inspections did increase by 58 or 12.4%, compared to the previous year. Total violations were down 262, or 28.6% compared to December and 28, or 4% compared to the previous year. There was a 46.8% decrease, or 73 violations in cited safety violations compared to December. There were 21 drivers and 27 vehicles placed out of service. Both of these areas are lower than December's totals, but greater than the previous year's. The number of trucks weighed was down by 863 for an 81% decrease compared to December. During December, Central Command Commercial troopers participated in the NYE 08 commercial check site in Las Vegas. WIM scales were utilized much during much of the operation. Commercial troopers did produce 74 cited traffic violations or traffic related arrests during January.
- There were 203 trucks weighed by commercial enforcement in January. Of the trucks weighed in January, 188 of those were weighed on secondary roadways during 211.25 hours of directed enforcement. This is an average of one truck being weighted every 1.1 hours while on directed enforcement.
- AA 2 Suzana Ayala certified 446 commercial vehicle inspections and entered 243 hand written commercial vehicle inspections during December. Additionally, she entered 29 commercial vehicle accidents in SafetyNet.

| Commercial Activity [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY] | | | | | | | |
|--|--------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|--------------------------|------------------------|
| | Level 2/3 Inspections | Safety Violations Citation | Safety Violations Repair Order | Drivers Placed "Out of Service" | Vehicles Placed "Out of Service" | Dyed Fuel Inspections | Dyed Fuel Citations |
| | # | # | # | # | # | # | # |
| January-09 | 287 | 93 | 236 | 13 | 3 | 241 | 0 |
| January-08 | 287 | 137 | 283 | 24 | 6 | 194 | 0 |
| % Change | 0.0% | -32.1% | -16.6% | -45.8% | -50.0% | 24.2% | 0.0% |

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|-------------|--------|------|--------|--------|--------|-------|------|
| January-09 | 287 | 93 | 236 | 13 | 3 | 241 | 0 |
| December-08 | 319 | 93 | 276 | 16 | 7 | 265 | 0 |
| % Change | -10.0% | 0.0% | -14.5% | -18.8% | -57.1% | -9.1% | 0.0% |

- Traffic operations personnel conducted 287 level 2/3 inspections during January. This was a decrease of 10% compared to December and the same compared to last year. To go along with the decrease in inspections, there was a decrease of 14.5% in repair orders. There was a decrease in repair orders of 16.6% compared to the previous year. Ninety-three (93) citations were issued for safety violations. This is the same as during December and 44 less than the previous year. Two hundred-seventy-six (236) repair orders were issued during the inspections with three vehicles and 13 drivers being placed "Out of service." Vehicles placed out of service decreased by four, or 57% compared to December and three or 50% compared to the prior year. Drivers placed out of service decreased from the prior year and December's totals as much as 45%.

| ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES | January-09 | | January-08 | % Change | | December-08 | % Change |
|--------------------------------------|------------|--|------------|-----------|--|-------------|----------|
| COMMUNICATION CENTER | | | | | | | |
| Radio Transmissions | 68,018 | | 61,428 | 10.7% | | 65,531 | 3.8% |
| CAD incidents | 6,072 | | 7,879 | -22.9% | | 8,663 | -29.9% |
| Telephone Calls | 7,642 | | 8,955 | -14.7% | | 8,504 | -10.1% |
| Call Box Incidents | 0 | | 57 | -5700.0% | | 0 | 0.0% |
| FRONT OFFICE | | | | | | | |
| Accident Reports Processed | 122 | | 103 | 18.4% | | 104 | 17.3% |
| Arrest Reports Processed | 59 | | 73 | -19.2% | | 95 | -37.9% |
| Incident / Officer Reports Processed | 6 | | 8 | -25.0% | | 8 | -25.0% |
| COURT / WARRANT | | | | | | | |
| Warrants Received | 327 | | 270 | 21.1% | | 297 | 10.1% |
| Warrants Entered | 314 | | 183 | 71.6% | | 253 | 24.1% |
| Warrants Cleared | 300 | | 149 | 101.3% | | 88 | 240.9% |
| Warrants Validated | 884 | | 2,123 | -58.4% | | 361 | 144.9% |
| Extradition / Transports | 7 | | 7 | 0.0% | | 3 | 133.3% |
| EVIDENCE | | | | | | | |
| New Cases Submitted | N/A | | 55 | -5500.0% | | N/A | |
| New Items Submitted | N/A | | 262 | -26200.0% | | N/A | |
| Items Disposed | N/A | | 23 | -2300.0% | | N/A | |

Contract Service overtime was 127.5 hours during 2 escorts totaling \$10,909.92.

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- Contract services were down December 2008 by \$24,173.08.
- Communications Center activity decreased from the previous month and the previous year except for radio transmissions. Radio transmissions increased over both reporting periods.
- The evidence section totals for December 2008 and January 2009 are unavailable due the reorganization of the Central Command evidence vaults.
- Front Office staff processed more accident reports compared to the previous month and the previous year. The number of processed arrest and incident reports decreased from the previous month and the previous year.
- The Court/Warrant Unit work increased in every category compared to December and the previous year except for the number of warrants validated last year.

PERSONNEL

Central Command continues with the field training of the seven troopers arrived to the command. All the troopers continue to perform well and they are scheduled to complete their field training in February. A qualified candidate was selected for a vacant PSD I position. The candidate has been given a conditional offer of employment. Expectations are that the candidate will be hired by the end of February. Deserert Cook sucessfully completed her training period and is the PSD IV for swing shift. Four of Central Command's personnel received injuries during January while on-duty. Three of the employees have not returned to work, but they are all expected to fully recover from their injuries. All of the injuries received were caused by winter weather conditions or they were weather related.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

During the month of January, Trooper Stewart completed a DUI presentation for employees of Newmont Gold and Cortez Gold. Additionally, Trooper Stewart conducted commercial driver's license and driver safety training at the Great Basin College.

AIR OPERATIONS

The Central Command Aircraft flew 38.7 hours, completing 15 missions during January. There were more hours flown for one less mission compared to December. Five speed enforcement missions were flown for January. During the five speed enforcement missions, the aircraft produced the below listed activity:

| Type of Violation | Enforcement Actions |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Speed | 64 |
| Hazardous | 7 |
| Non-Hazardous | 11 |
| Seat belt | 0 |
| Arrests | 2 |

The remaining missions consisted of one line patrol mission for one hour of flight time, two prisoner transports and two personnel transports. Additionally, the aircraft was employed twice during January to assist with search and rescue missions. One search mission was conducted near Wells for a missing 18 year old female. The female was found unharmed near Elko. The other search and rescue mission was conducted at Ellen De Summit for two state employees that were involved in a snow cat accident. One employee was with NDOT and the other with DPS/HPD. Both employees were carried to the hospital by helicopter. The DPS/HPD employee is recovering at home and is expected to return to work soon.

Seven motorists were assisted during speed enforcement missions. Two motorists were assisted during line patrol. Compared to December 2008, the total flight time was up 19%, total enforcement activity was up 68%, but motorist assists were down 10%. When compared to January 2008, flight time is up 1%, total enforcement activity is up 223% and motorists assisted were down 47%.